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From the Desk



of the Director

Hello everyone,

Well here it is nearly the middle of summer and time is flying by. It's time to get your reservation in for the 30th Annual Gathering which will be held on August 11-14th. You should have received your registration packet with the last Journal. If you have misplaced it or did not receive it you can visit our website at www.hackerscreek.com/2011gathering.htm . You can read about the scheduled events and print out a registration form.

We hope this will be an exciting year as we celebrate our 30th Gathering Anniversary. We have two great workshops planned as well as a new tour which includes sites in Northern Lewis and Southern Harrison Counties.

Also included is a tour of Lambert's Winery with lunch there on the veranda. Lunch at Lambert's is always a great event!

Don't forget our Annual Banquet on Saturday evening as well as the presentation of the John and Margaret Hacker awards.

All in all, it is shaping up to be a great time for research, fellowship, and fun and relaxation. We do need reservations by August 1, in order to help our providers plan for the meals to be served. So, if you have not already sent in your reservation, please do so immediately. We also have available a lovely commemorative candle in honor of the event. If you wish to reserve one or more, you may order them by going to the "New Stuff" site and under the description of the Gathering, click on the word "memento". You may order your candle in advance and we will reserve it for you to be picked up at Gathering or we will ship as indicated on the order form.

Betty Ann

WESTON ASYLUM CORRESPONDENCE

Editor's Note: This is a reprint from HCJ 29, Iss. 1. I left out part of the letter on the last page. This letter and the transcription was provided by HCPD member Bradley Oldaker.

OLD 1883 INMATE LETTER FROM WESTON WV INSANE ASSYLUM

Interesting content in this old 2-page (front & back) letter (about 8 x 10") written from the HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE at Weston, West Virginia on 2 July 1883. The letter is written on paper with LETTERHEAD from the institution, W. J. **BLAND** M.D., Superintendent, etc. The letter is written by INMATE J. J. **CHARLTON** to Jesse **JONES**.

"Jesse **JONES** was born near Hilldale, in Monroe County, and settled, lived and died a prosperous man, merchant and farmer on **WOLF** Creek, at Bradshaw Church. This family of **JONESes** are of Welsh descent. His mother was from Grayson County, Virginia - Miss Margaret M. **MILLER**- and she married a **CHARLTON** as her second husband, and by him was the mother of the venerable J. J. **CHARLTON**, of **CHARLTON's** Mill, on Madam's Creek." (quoted from page 514 HISTORY OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.)

EXCELLENT CONTENT in this old letter. **CHARLTON** describes the Institution buildings in great detail (especially measurements), furnishings (**BILLIARD** TABLES, etc.), a bathroom with hot & cold water, MUCH detail about the food & drink provided at every meal ("my trouble is not to eat too much"), etc. He then continues on the second page detailing several acquaintances in common with Jesse **JONES** who are also patients, with whom he has recently spoken. His conversation with one man named "**PINE**" ("born on m) father's land & in the old pine house") leads **CHARLTON** to include a little genealogical information and then into reminiscences (at first pleasant, but then becoming rather sorrowful).

He stops writing for a time but then starts the letter up once again. Returning to his discussion of his fellow patients in the mental hospital he states: "THERE ARE MORE THAN 600 PATIENTS HERE: MANY FROM RELIGIOUS EXCITEMENT; SOME FROM SECRET SINS. SOME FROM

DISAPPOINTMENTS; & DRUNKENNESS WITH A FEW."

He describes the restrictions upon his freedom, concluding that: "I am almost free ...," but finishes his letter admitting that: "monotony & the ever-recurring sameness, is becoming tiresome ... In fact-**IN THIS GREAT CROWD I AM LONELY. I long to see my own family.**"

A full transcription of J. J. **CHARLTON's** letter follows:

WEST VIRGINIA

HOSPITAL FOR THE

INSANE **W.J. BLAND, M.D.**

Superintendent

T.G. EDMISTON, M. D., 1st Assistant.

J. S. LEWIS, M.D., 1st Assistant.

ALLEN GITTINGS, 2d Assistant.

CHARLES O'HARA, Clerk.

We"ton. Jlliv 2nrl Hun Mr. Jesse **JONES:**

Dear Br.

Tis now 3 p.m. Thermometer, 84 degrees.

I rec'd your kind & thrice welcome letter at 11 this morning: The hospital is 1080 ft. in length, The Center building 120 x 80 ft. & 6 story high & to the top of Spire which stands on the Dome, is 208 ft.

My room is in the building, ,joining the Centre one, is 40 ft. wide & 190 in length, with a10 ft. hall running through the center, with bedrooms on each side 10 ft. square, a door opening into the hall, & a window on the outside. This building is 3 story; each of the halls are built & furnished alike, a Billard table, good beds, on wire springs; chairs, spttons(spittoons?), an abundance of water for all purposes; a bathroom, temperature to suit your wish, our fare or diet is good & more than enough; good light bread, coffee for breakfast-water from a good cold spring for dinner & tea for supper, with beef mutton, butter, rice, hominy, beans, potatoes, lettuce, onions, beets-corn mush, oat-mush, ???? always, vinegar & pepper, & sugar & my trouble is not to eat too much:

Another similar, is joined to this one 40 x 190 ft. & 3 story; then continued for 300 ft. or more, a wing one story high; with numerous cells & projections; and r (are) the same on each side of the center building: The center building is a splendid & imposing structure; and finished & furnished, with regard to use, comfort, & convenience & also to please the eye: surely

not less than \$1,000,000 would quite(?) cost of all the Hospital buildings and it takes about \$100,000 yearly to run it-but I must close this description or I will not have any room for anything also & would take many pages to mention all.

(page 2)

10 min. to 5 & 82 degrees. We take supper at 's past 5. I often see Shiry(?), talked with him this evening & read to him the letter which I rec'd from you today. He says, tell you, he is going through a thorough course of medicine & expects soon to get a discharge:

I also see Pine often. Talked with him today; He was born on my father's land & in the old pine house as we used to call it & the logs of which you hauled to another place on the hillside & built your first dwelling house, on Phillip **BEAMER's** land; he says he was 4 years old when his father left there. His father built the old still house at the spring: O how often you & I have drank from that spring; the bare mention of which awakens so many fond & pleasing recollections: But I must not follow such strains pleasant though they be, but hold them in reserve for our anticipated & happy meeting; soon I believe will be.

Yz past 6 & very warm. The sun is shining in at my window: I have not seen Settles(?). His attendant says he is well but very cross, writes poetry almost continually. I will try & get to see him: Pine is 69 or 70 years old. There are more than 600 patients here: many from religious excitement; some from secret sins. Some from disappointments; & drunkenness withe?) a few:

I have not very much to complain of here: I am almost free. I go where I choose, so I am in at meal time & at night, is all that is required; My health is very good. This is the third fair day for some time here. I have learned about all I care to learn here & the monotony & the ever-recurring sameness, is becoming tiresome: I keep up my spirits, very well under the circumstances. I sometimes amuse myself at the sayings & acts of patients; but there are but few that I can talk to that can enter into & sensibly discuss, the why & wherefore of things & facts as they surround us: John **LUCADOE** & **JEFFREYS** of Kanawha are about all right, but still they are not sufficiently informed to be all I desire: In fact—in this great crowd I am lonely. I long to see my own family, & this only can satisfy me fully: write soon, I expect to get home by the 10 or 15 inst.

From your Br: J.J. **CHARLTON**.

WHY ARE ALL THE RECORDS BEING LOCKED UP???

By Bette BUTCHER Topp

It seems to me that more and more of the states and institutions are being locked up so the PUBLIC records can not be used by the public. As for genealogists, it is a travesty! And bizarre, I might add.

Dick Eastman wrote about it several years ago and then told us recently about Maine locking up their records also.

I would like to hear one good and understandable reason. Have any of you heard one? It seems as if some bureaucrat or politician aims to restrict *public domain vital records*.

Our rights to public records of birth, marriage and death records are constantly being withdrawn and they say it is because "to prevent identity theft." As Dick Eastman said – that is balderdash!

Those bureaucrat and politicians then can brag that they have taken this action. I say, give me the facts!

Eastman said there has been a new study that can provide genealogists with some true facts. A survey of 4,000 consumers was recently conducted by the Better Business Bureau and other research tanks for Visa and some banks.

The cold facts are that those who had their identity stolen from these simple events.

- Lost or stolen wallets – 29%
- Fraud that occurs during in-store or phone –transactions – 12.9%
- Corrupt employees – 9%
- Stolen mail – 8%
- Spyware on the computer – 5%
- Looking through the garbage – 2.6%
- Computer viruses – 2.2%
- "Plishing" through fraudulent e-mail – 1.7%

I don't see the sentence anywhere that say "obtained a record from the vital records departments. Do you?

Our right to access to all the public access records is ALWAYS being threatened.

So what do we do? Ask the powers-to-be "SHOW ME THE PROOF?"
I guess it means that we have to be more active in protecting our rights for research. Write to your counties, to your representatives. I think almost every month, I am

being asked to do just that – to save a library, a program or the records that are public records.

It seems as if this is a different world than the one in which I grew up. Some people tell me that we have made progress. I feel very sure that is not the way most of us feel, but I could be totally wrong. I feel it is true that the Internet has been a blessing in many ways, and absolutely terrible in so many other ways.

But can we blame it on the INTERNET? No, we had to become more committed to making sure that PUBLIC RECORDS remain just that. PUBLIC RECORDS. If we sit back and allow all the records to become sealed. out of the public's sight, then I can definitely say it was our fault in every way.

We, as genealogists, have to make sure that we keep advised as to what is happening to the following:

- Library's stay open
- Records remain open
- Museums stay open

If any of those entities close, then our entire society becomes closed. Think of what the younger generations from here on, will have missed and never be able to get back.

So – don't just sit back and gripe – Go to battle and let them hear our voices. Hopefully they will listen.

COMMENT FROM A READER

By Bette BUTCHER TOPP

This Journal (Vol. XXVII, Iss. 4) was well worth the wait. I must congratulate Mr. Kenneth C. YOST for the thorough job he did in his research of distinguishing between John YOUSE and John YOST. I am one that reads every footnote and have always learned much from them. It is a well-written case study and I so appreciate the footnotes that also give the URL of his on-line research.

It was a good history lesson as well and I have always taught my classes if you have not done your research on the history of the times and location, then you have done only half your work.

I do hope that the NSDAR will now accept John YOST's records and maintain it for all to read. So many of us have had the same problem with what once was submitted without enough documentation and then not been able to get the Society to correct them. It is truly a challenge but hopefully the procedures have changed.

Good job, Mr. JOST. I believe that John Yost can now completely rest in peace.

LUCULLUS VIRGIL MCWHORTER

By

Robert F. MCWHORTER

I have often wondered what enticed Henry **MCWHORTER** to make the trek from New York to this remote part of the country (western Virginia) back in the 1780's—some 220 years ago. This area at that time was a virtual wilderness teeming with hostile Indians that were resisting the invasion of their land by outsiders. I have come to the conclusion that there must have been an inherited gene in our **MCWHORTER** line that may be best described as “an adventurous spirit”. There is much evidence of this adventurous characteristic in our family long before Henry. It must have been, in part, that need for adventure that brought Hugh **MCWHIRTER** to America from Scotland, by way of Ireland, in 1730—and that same adventuresome spirit that quickly led his descendants to NC, SC, GA, TN, KY—and ultimately to every state in our nation.

That same adventurous spirit must have been the driving force that motivated a member of our West Virginia **MCWHORTER** family, *Lucullus Virgil MCWHORTER*, to pursue a **LIFE** of adventure that ultimately drew him to the State of Washington in the extreme northwest corner of our country in 1902—a territory that had been granted statehood only twelve years earlier.

This is an attempt to relate a bit about this amazing member of our **MCWHORTER** family. It would take volumes to do justice to his many accomplishments, but I will attempt to give you a thumbnail sketch of his most interesting **LIFE**.

Lucullus—or Cul, as his brothers and sisters called him, was born January 29, 1860 on McKinney's Run, in what later became **MCWHORTER**, WV—within a half-mile of the **MCWHORTER** United Methodist Church in a log cabin that had been built by his great uncle—Thomas **MCWHORTER**. Lucullus was the son of Dr. and later, Reverend John Marcellus and Rosetta **MARPLE MCWHORTER**—which is another interesting story for another time. Lucullus was their 8th of 12 children. He had 7 older brothers before a couple of sisters were born. Our **MCWHORTER** history reveals that he was a grandson of Walter Fields and Margaret **HURST MCWHORTER** and great-grandson of our Henry and Mary **MCWHORTER**.

Just three months after Lucullus was born, his family moved a few miles to Buckhannon Run, near Berlin, WV where he grew up and lived on their farm for the next twenty-one years. Lucullus was an adventuresome lad from early childhood—preferring outdoor activities such as farming, hunting, fishing and exploring to going

to school. At an early age he became familiar with most of the central WVA historic landmarks, caves, burial mounds and Indian campgrounds. Many reports had him, as a teen-ager, serving as a guide for those seeking remote caves and Indian burial grounds. At an early age he became a collector of Indian artifacts such as clothing, arrowheads and was extremely interested in listening to oral histories of the area as related by the oldsters living in the community.

He did not much like going to school. He once reported on a questionnaire that "He did four months annual winter terms" which is said to be equivalent to the 3rd grade. However he did develop a love of history and became a voracious reader. He particularly liked regional history, folklore and archaeology. This third-grade education is particularly intriguing because he later became perhaps the most prolific writer the **MCWHORTER** family ever produced.

He was particularly interested in anything and everything relating to Native Americans. In fact this fascination about Indians influenced his entire life. For example, at the age of 21—in 1881—on a lark, he set out on a trek through the coastal regions of Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. On that trip he saw his first Indians in Oklahoma where he nearly encountered Chief Joseph of the exiled Nez Perse tribe. That excursion certainly must have whetted his appetite for further involvement with Native Americans.

After that trip he returned home and assisted his father in raising purebred Devon cattle. In March 1883 at the age of 23 Lucullus married Ardelia **SWISHER**, who was also a native of Harrison County, WV. They had 3 children before Ardelia died of cancer in 1893 at 30 years of age at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. After Ardelia's death Lucullus and his three young children, Ovid, Virgil and Iris, remained in the Berlin area for a time where he continued farming and raising cattle.

In June of 1895 he married Anna **BOWMAN**, which, according to his granddaughter, Judith, was because his "bairns" needed a mom. For the next 2 years the family lived in Upshur County on Buckhannon Run before moving to Darke County, Ohio, near Greenville, which is located on the Ohio-Indiana border where he continued farming and raising cattle in addition to running an Indian Artifacts Trading center. Why he selected that Ohio location remains a mystery to me. Some of his **MCWHORTER** relatives lived in Marion, Ohio, near Columbus, but it was reported that his lifelong

dream of settling near Native Americans never wavered and he began making plans to move farther west to be near several Indian tribes.

After selling the farm and many of their personal belongings he and his little family left Ohio and moved to the Yakima River Valley in 1902. That move could not have been a "spur of the moment" decision because it involved moving not only his wife, three children and household belongings, but also his registered Devon cattle, seeds or starter plants of almost every variety, including paw-paws, fruit trees, berries, vegetables, grapes, etc. He must have leased one or more railroad cars to accomplish this move.

His granddaughter, Judith, was sure that his move west was motivated by his intense interest in Native Americans, plus his natural sense of adventure. Another report said that it was there that his involvement with Indian history and culture matured and continued throughout the remainder of his life.

He moved to North Yakima in the state of Washington in 1902 and purchased a 30 acre tract of wide-open and unfenced, lush farmland which is usually referred to as a ranch. He immediately began the process of starting a new life in this new area with several Indian tribes living nearby, which included the Yakima and Nez Perse tribes. He continued raising his registered herd of Devon cattle. That herd was the progenitor of all the Devon cattle in the northwest. His cattle were shown in cattle shows all up and down the Washington and Oregon coast including the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition in Portland, Oregon in 1905. His livestock took many awards and his wife, Annie **BOWMAN**, was very popular with the cattlemen because of the excellent food she prepared for them at the annual cattle-shows.

He permitted various Indian tribes to camp on his property when they were in the Yakima area and soon became close friends with both the Nez Perse and Yakima Indians. One report was that he kept a lame horse on his ranch for almost a year before it was reclaimed by a member of the Nez Perse tribe. This act of friendship helped him in establishing a trust between the Indians and himself. A few years later he was taken into the Kakima tribe given the Indian name of "Bigfoot", a name that he used for the rest of his life. The Nez Perse tribe also adopted him into their tribe as a "blood brother" and gave him the name of "He-Mene-Ka-Wan" or "Old-Wolf".

His granddaughter, Judith, reported that he began seriously collecting tribal lore in 1908. His method was to live with the Indians and record what they told him of their customs and history. These Indians had no written records of their past endeavors and "Bigfoot" recorded their oral histories in his "field book", which he was never without.

In 1910 he became what some have described as a "minority activist", assisting the Indian tribes to retain ownership of what had been their land for hundreds of years. One of his more famous episodes had him riding his white horse, Wild Eye, throughout the vast Yakima Reservation advising the Indians to not sign a paper that would relinquish land and water rights. The Indians listened to their "brother", Bigfoot, and were saved "water rights" and thousands of acres of land.

His granddaughter reported that during these years Bigfoot became a familiar figure on the brick streets of the little frontier town of Yakima. He was easily recognized by wearing the Indian's large felt-brimmed hat, complete with a colorful feather tucked in the band, and Indian beaded gauntlets and the hand-made blue fringed shirt like those of his youth back in West Virginia.

As stated earlier, there is so much to report and time and space does not permit me to give you more than a quick "thumbnail sketch" of this most interesting

ancestor at this time. While so many of our **MCWHORTERs** became doctors, lawyers, dentists and judges, Lucullus Virgil **MCWHORTER**, without benefit of much formal education, might well be one of the most frequently recognized authors of historical documents in America. Undoubtedly his book *Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia* is the most recognized of those he authored. This book is frequently quoted as verification of other historic events by **WITHERS** in his book *Chronicles of Border Warfare* and DeHass in his *History of Indian Wars in West Virginia*, and many others.

One report indicated that he originally set out to simply write a history of Jesse **HUGHES**. Jesse was the famous Indian fighter from our own Hackers Creek area that had so many life and death escapades with the Indians in (then) Virginia. The size of the document continued to grow until he was persuaded to just make Jesse an important part of the larger history of this frontier area. That book was first published in 1915 and has been reprinted at least five times—the latest by the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants only a few months ago and is offered for sale in their library.

Again, time and space does not permit me to describe in detail my 1990 visit to Bigfoot's ranch and home in Yakima and visiting the Washington State University Library in Pullman, Washington, where his extensive collection of artifacts and documents are kept in a special section of the library. I spent four days in that library and was frustrated that I could only read a fraction of his documents and see only part of his many artifacts.

It was obvious that he had been a "collector" his entire life and must have saved every letter and magazine he ever received, and there were hundreds, if not thousands. Lucullus did not save copies of letters that he had written, only those he received. However, his great-niece, Sally B. **HAYES**, recently gave me a collection of letters that her grandfather, Judge John C. **MCWHORTER** (Lucullus' younger brother) had received from "Cul". These documents revealed much more about Lucullus that does not appear in our history books. The letters revealed, for example, his strong interest in politics. He was often critical of the politicians in Washington, DC—particularly if they were Republicans. The Washington State University library staff has sorted and catalogued his material and the listings encompass many pages.

In conclusion I will relate excerpts from one of the many letters Lucullus received from his younger brother John Camillus (Jack), a West Virginia Circuit Court Judge living in Buckhannon, WV. While many of John's letters covered a variety of topics—including personal matters, health, relatives, bear hunting, etc., this particular one dealt with religious matters. John was taking Lucullus to task for what seemed to be L. V.'s adoption of the "*dreamer religion*", which was described as a trancelike form of religion practiced by the Indians. John suggested that perhaps Cul was spending too much time with the Indians and had been smoking their peace pipe too often. I always wondered what his response was, if any.

His granddaughter reported that in 1942 he was recognized in Who's Who among North American Writers and he was also awarded the Certificate of Merit which eulogized him for "scholarship and monumental work in research". He was Curator of the Washington State Historical Society and was instrumental in placing historical markers throughout the state of Washington and Montana.

Lucullus died October 18, 1944 and was buried in The Tahoma Cemetery in Yakima. His funeral procession included a long line of Indians from both the Yakima and Nez Perse tribes. On our **MCWHORTER** reunion tour I point out the large stone marker in the Friendship Cemetery on Jesse's Run that had been placed there by the Yakima Indians from the State of Washington to commemorate their brother Lucullus Virgil "Bigfoot" **MCWHORTER**—their friend and a truly great man. I am proud to be related to "Bigfoot"!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Further information about L.V. **MCWHORTER** can be found on the internet. One source is http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucullus_Virgil_MCWHORTER

RHODA VICTORIA (QUEEN) REED

Submitted by Leonard R HYRE, great grandson



On a cold, February day in the year 1911, at a cozy home located in Broad Oaks Addition of Clarksburg, Harrison County, WV, a tragedy was about to unfold. Rhoda Victoria **(QUEEN) REED** and her daughter Bessie Virginia **REED**, lay suffering from pneumonia. Sometime during that fateful day, Rhoda died (2/7/1911), leaving 14 year old daughter, Bessie to care for the family children. Rhoda was buried at Elk View Cemetery, Clarksburg, WV.

Rhoda's husband, Thomas Jackson **REED** (born 7 April 1869, in Harrison County, WV), a son of William **REED** and Sena **(ADAMS) REED.**), was a carpenter and spent much of the time away from home. Thomas would go on to live a long **LIFE**, passing away 11 June 1958, in Adelphi, Prince Georges County, MD.

Rhoda Victoria **(QUEEN) REED** was born 11 August 1871, in Harrison County, WV. She was the daughter of Benjamin Stickley **QUEEN** and Millie Anna **(WINEMILLER) QUEEN**. She married Thomas Jackson **REED** on 16 Oct 1895, in Harrison County, WV.

Benjamin Stickley **QUEEN**, her father, was born 22 Mar 1853, at Pecks Run, Upshur County, WV. He married Millie Anna **WINEMILLER** on 5 Oct 1870, in Upshur County, WV. After a long **LIFE** as a successful stonemason and chimney builder, he died on 9 May 1928, in Weston, Lewis County, WV.

Rhoda's mother, Millie Anna **WINEMILLER**, was born 5 Mar 1847, in Lewis County, WV. She was the daughter of Noah **WINEMILLER** (1821 – 1912) and Mary Jane **PLANT** (1828-1903).

Rhoda had two brothers. Richard Gilbert **QUEEN** was born 7 Nov 1876, in Upshur County, WV. He married Helen M. **SULLIVAN**, on 28 Sep 1898. Richard died 16 May 1926 in Summit County, Ohio.

Her other brother was Enoch **QUEEN** (some confusion in transcribing shows ANYE as name – see census) was born 8 Nov 1873, at French Creek, Upshur County, WV. Sadly, at age 9, he drowned on 1 Jan 1882, at French Creek.

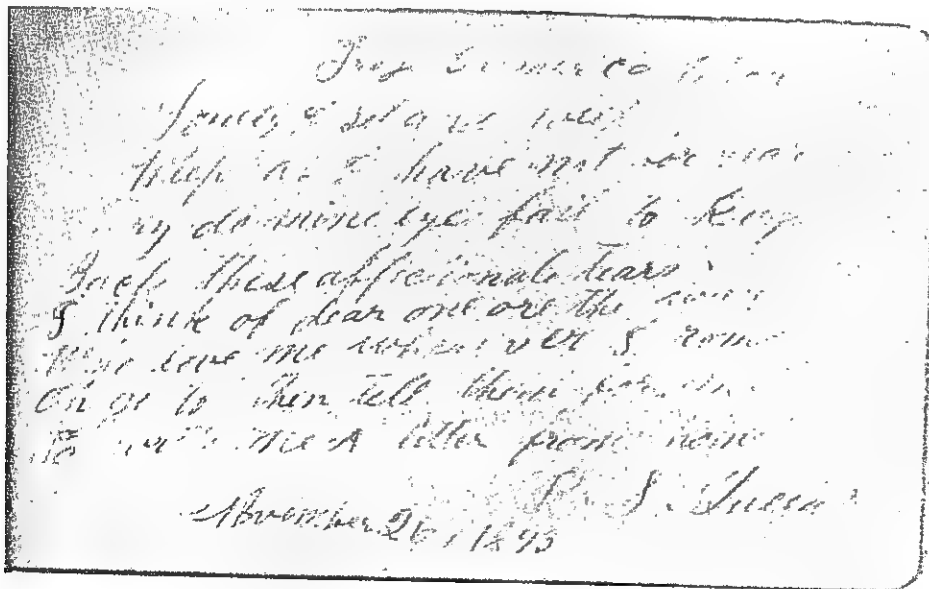
The children of Thomas J. **REED** and Rhoda Victoria **(QUEEN) REED** were as follows.

Bessie Virginia REED (*my grandmother*) was born 4 Aug 1896, in Harrison County, WV. She married John William HYRE on 27 Oct 1817, in Clarksburg, Harrison County, WV. Bessie gave birth to seven children, Louise Francis (HYRE) SIMS (27 Jul 1918 – 05 April 1994), Leonard Lincoln HYRE (16 Nov 1922 – 25 Mar 2008), Lawrence Walter HYRE (1 Jul 1926 – 20 Dec 1997), Donald Lee HYRE (2 Oct 1931 – 18 Mar 1989) and two other living children, Gloria "Jean" HYRE and Richard Dean HYRE. Bessie V. REED HYRE died 12 March 1995.

Note: My father was the above listed Leonard Lincoln HYRE. I am Leonard Ray HYRE (*call me "Larry", too many others known as Lenny*).

Rhoda's other children were Clarence Wilbur REED (4 Jun 1898 – 27 Nov 1981), William REED (9 Nov 1899 – 12 Jun 1900), Carl Kenneth REED (12 Jul 1900 – Jun 1986), Frank D. REED (8 Dec 1903– 21 Mar 1923), Boyd Lee REED. (8 Sep 1905 – 13 Sep 2000), Lawrence E. REED (DOB 30 May 1907) and Margarite REED (3 Feb 1911 – 19 Jul 1910).

One of the most unique items Rhoda bequeathed to the family was an autograph book. In the 1890's period, people did not get to have family reunions very often. One of the common ways to remember each other was through "Autograph Books". Each signer would write a little piece to the owner and sign and identify themselves. I would like to share the quotes from each individual page (as written, with additional relationship information added by me, in *italics*).



December 27, 1896 W. L. REED (*brother-in-law, William Lloyd REED*)
Middletown, Ohio
Dear Sister Rhoda
When I'm some far and distant place, you have the writing of my hand.
Although my face you may not see turn higher you eyes and read my name, Lloyd

and seat to mind a friend so true Who may never again meet with you

Big Isaac, W Va

Sept 22, 1898

Cousin Rhoda

May your joys and sorrows make you strong life's race to run

Til the lips of smiling angels Greet you with the words, Well Done

-is the wishes of your Cousin Wirt B **COURTNEY** (son of John **COURTNEY** and Mary Elizabeth (**QUEEN**) **COURTNEY**).

Big Isaac, Dodd County, West Va Aug 15, 1898

Cousin Rhoda

Softly ore the sea of trouble may you **LIFE** boat gently glide

and may Angels sweetly waft thee to the home beyond the skies

is the wishes of your Cousin E. S. **COURTNEY** (likely Edwin S **COURTNEY**, son of John **COURTNEY** and Mary Elizabeth (**QUEEN**) **COURTNEY**).

Remember the first Sunday in Oct 1893

Cousin Rhoda Peck's Run

When in some lonely spot you sit, And sigh some friend to see

Recall the time when last we met And kindly think of Me

Your cousin Eva B. **HANNAH** (married S G **ROMINE** in 1899)

July 12, 1900

Mrs. Rhoda **REED**

Dear Sister

I look these pages ore and ore, To see what others have wrote before

And on this little vacant spot, I will inscribe, Forget Me Not

Your Bro. John A. **CURRY** (Actually Brother-In-Law married to TJ **REED**'s sister Cora Belle))

Remember well and don't forget You have a friend in Gilmer yet

Written by your friend, Mittie **NUTTER**

Troy, Gilmer Co, W.Va

Lonely I get and weep.

Why do mine eyes fail to keep

I think of dear one ore the way

Oh go to them (and) tell them for me To write me a letter from home

Weep, as I have not for years

Back these affectionate tears

Who loves me wherever I roam

B.S. **QUEEN** (father – Benjamin Stickley **QUEEN**)

1893

November 26,

Sept 23, 1898 Mineral Point, Harrison Co, W. Va.

When rocks and hills are divided and you feel I cannot see. Remember it was your
cousin who [has] written these few lines for thee

E. L. QUEEN (paternal 1st cousin – son of Stephen Post QUEEN)

I leaving thee in sorrow

It may be for a long time

Eda QUEEN Nov 26, 1893

I leaving thee in tears

Perhaps for many a year

Nov 29th 1898 Mineral Point, Harrison Co., W. Va.

Be good and kind to all men true, On seas or land or lane or street

And may the blessing fall on you, an honest child to all men true.

Yours truly, George Lee QUEEN (*cousin – the son of Stephen Post QUEEN*)

Nov 28, 1893, Mineral Point, Harrison Co

Miss R. V. QUEEN

When rocks and hill divide us,

Remember it was your cousin which wrote these lines for you.

Ira L. QUEEN (*Ira Little Dayton QUEEN, a cousin – son of Stephen Post QUEEN*)

The flowers may wither,

Some may forget you,

Ira L. QUEEN (*Ira L. QUEEN?_ hard to read? No place shown, no date*)

And, the leaves may die

But never will I.

I love you a little I love you Big

I love you, Like a little pig

Homer REED (*brother-in-law*) Feb 6, 1897

Mt Clare June 21, 1896

Mrs. Rhoda REED

Remember me and bair (sic) in mind

A faithful friend is hard to find

James REED (*brother-in-law*)

October, 1893

Spencer, Roane Co, W. Va.

Miss Rhoda

Mans love is like Scotch's Snuff

Learn well the sage advice

Your Uncle

Take a pinch and that's enough

When you fall in love, think twice.

S. H. QUEEN (*STEWART Harper QUEEN, brother-in-law*)

Aug the 21, 1895

My life is all I have to lose,
The happiest hours I ever spent
Your Love and Loving friend

My pleasures are but few
are those I've spent with you

Thomas REED (husband, Thomas Jackson "TJ" REED)]

Aug 21, 1895
My Life is all I have to lose
My pleasures are but few
The happiest hours I ever spent
are those I've spent with you
Your Love and Loving friend
Thomas Reed

Sister Rhoda

Remember me when death shall close,
And when the evening breeze shall wave,
Lovingly Cora CURREY (aunt - sister of Thomas REED)
Cherry Camp, West Va. Sept 1899

My eyelids in their last repose.
The grass above my lonely grave.

Clarksburg W. Va. Mar 11 1897

Dear Sister

May your life be
As the dancing waves
Your Sis
As happy and free
On the deep blue sea.
Ettie WARDER (Henrietta REED- sister-in-law)

Mar 11 1897

Dear Sister

I wish you health
I wish you gold in store
How could I wish you more.
Poly (unable to identify for sure yet - likely sister in law)

I wish you wealth
I wish you heaven after death

November 12, 1893

When you are setting all alone reflecting on the past,
remember you a friend that will forever last.

Bidie **TIERNEY**

Remember well and bear in mind that a good true friend is hard to find
and when you find one just as true, change not old for new.

Bidie **TIERNEY** (*Bridget TIERNEY, a friend*) Buckhannon , Upshur Co,
W.Va.

Remember me in Friendship Remember me in Love Remember Dear R. V. until
we meet above

-this written by Levilla BRAKE (*not identified yet*)

All the gifts the good inherit,
I wish may be your (portion?) through all,
May good will for you shines,
rewards.

All the good you richly wait,
To all the joy your heart desires.
A useful, happy **LIFE** and its

Sincerely, Iona **BOGGESS** (*a friend –likely the 16 year old daughter of Altorpheus
and Quentilla BOGGESS of Harrison County*)

I have in my possession the original autograph book, and am willing to share scans
of the pages and information on the people in the article. Contact me through HCPD
if you want a scan of any page, or photos of Rhoda.

CONFEDERATE ENLISTEES FOR THE CIVIL WAR

Enlistment 3 Sept 1862

Company F, VA 30th Sharpshooters Battalion

Compiled by Bette **BUTCHER TOPP**

I have been looking for more facts concerning my 2nd Great Grandfather, Richard W. **WINES** of Roane County, West Virginia. In doing so, I found some interesting things about the Civil War enlistments

This list of men all enlisted on 3 Sept 1862 in Roane county, VA for the
Confederacy into Co. F of the 30th Regiment

Going through the list from *Ancestry*, I found information about most of these men. Most of these surnames are known through out West Virginia.

ARGABRITE, William – deserted 21 Nov 1862 at Camp Narrows, VA.

BATTON, William age 20, Enlisted as Pvt. 3 Sep, transferred into Co. G on 3 Nov 1862 and transferred out same date. 5'7" black eyes, **BROWN** hair, fair skin.

BUSHOP, Aaron – enlisted as Pvt., deserted 26 oct 1862 in Charleston, VA

BOGGS, George – Pvt. trans. to Co. G 16 Apr 1863, trans.Out. 5'8" grey eyes, dark hair and fair skin.

BOGGS, James – Pvt. Trans Co.G 15 Apr 1863, trans.out. 5'8", grey eyes, **BROWN** hair, florid skin.

BOGGS, Thadeus – age 29, Pvt, deserted 26 Sep 1862 Raleigh Co., VA, enlisted into the 19th Cavalry Regiment VA 1 Aug 1863/ 5'11", hazel eyes, light hair and fair skin.

BOOTH, H. – trans to Co. E. 21 Dec 1862.

BUSH, William -

CARPER, Jacob – Pvt.

CARPENTER, Joseph – Pvt, promoted to full Pvt, reduced to ranks, promoted to full 4th Sgt. 31 Oct 1862, deserted 21 Nov 1862 Narrows.

CARTER, James – Pvt. deserted 6 Aug 1863, Blue Ridge, VA.

CHAPMAN, Silvanus – Pvt.

DAVIS, James – promoted to full Corp. , deserted 21 Nov 1862.

FLESHER, Dempsey – Pvt. Promoted to full Corp, 31 Oct 1865.

FLESHER, John – Pvt, 5'10", blue eyes, **BROWN** hair, light skin.

FISHER, John – Pvt.
GIBSON, Fell – Pvt, Promoted full Corp. 1 May 1863.
GOUGH, Albert – 1st Sgt. Promoted Full 2nd Lt. 20 Sep 1862. 5'10" blue eyes, light hair, light skin.
GOUGH, Marshall – died of disease, Pearishburg (?), VA Hospital 13 Sep 1863.
GRADY, Elias – Pvt.
GRADY, George – Pvt. age 18, 5'7" grey eyes, dark hair, fair skin. Died on 24 May 1908 Alum Bridge, WV.
GREATHOUSE, John – born 15 Mar 1811, enlisted as Pvt. and a Preacher.
GREATHOUSE, Robert – Pvt, promoted full 2nd Corp, 15 Jun 1863, full Sgt, 15 Jun 1864.
GREATHOUSE, S. – Pvt.
GREATHOUSE, William – Pvt. 3rd Corp. 5'9", blue eyes, light hair, light skin.
HARDMAN, William – born 4 Apr 1824.
HENSLEY, J. – Enlisted in Calhoun Co. WV.
HICKMAN, William – Pvt.
JACKSON, S. – Pvt. trans. Out 30 Nov 1862, trans to Co. E. Killed 6 Nov 1863 Droop Mountain, WV.
LOWREY, R. – Pvt. 5'6". Blue eyes, light hair, light skin.
MARTIN, John – deserted at Hillsborough, WV 5 Sep 1862.
METZ, James – Pvt. 5'9", dark eyes, dark hair, dark skin.
MILLER, Amos – Pvt. deserted 6 Oct 1862 Charleston, WV.
MILLER, Anderson – Pvt. deserted 6 Oct 1862, Charleston, WV.
MILLER, Hedrick – Pvt. 6'. Blue eyes, light hair, light skin. Furnished substitute 15 Jan 1863.
MILLER, Thomas – Pvt. Deserted 30 Nov 1862 Narrows, VA
MILLER, James – Pvt.
MILLER, Samuel – Pvt. Enlisted Giles Co., VA. Furnished substitute 25 Jan 1863. Deserted 6 Oct 1862 Blue Ridge Mountain, WV
MORRIS, George – 21, 3rd Sgt. Promoted full Sgt. 15 Aug 1863, full 1st Lt. 21 Jan 1864. 6', blue eyes, dark hair, fair skin.
O'HARA, Charles – Pvt. Promoted full 1st Corp, 31 Dec 1862, promoted full Sgt. 21 Jan 1864. Died 1 Apr 1905.
PARSONS, Thomas – Pvt.
PETTY, Granville – Pvt. Promoted full Sgt. 5'11" grey eyes, light hair, light skin.
PETTY, HENDERSON – 4th Corporal.
PETTY, Martin – Pvt. full 4th Corp 15 Oct 1862, full Sgt. 15 Sep 1864.
PETTY, Matthew – Pvt. 5'8". Blue eyes, light hair, light skin. Enlisted in Wirt Co., WV.
PRIBBLE, A. – Pvt. Enlisted in Wirt Co., WV.
PRIBBLE, F. – Pvt. Enlisted in Wirt Co., WV.

RADER, W. – Pvt. Promoted full 5th Sgt. 15 Jun 1863, full 4th Sgt. 31 Aug 1863.
REYNOLDS, Benjamin – Pvt. Deserted 30 Nov 1862 Narrows, VA.
RHODES, George – Pvt. Died 11 Dec 1862, Giles Hospital, VA.
SCHOWEN, Jacob – b. 5 Dec 1833. Pvt. died 31 Dec 1862 Giles Court House Hospital, VA.
SHOWEN, John – b. 3 Jan 1840. Pvt. 2nd Sgt. Promoted full 1 Sgt. 16 Jul 1862, promoted full Sgt. Major 11 Jan 1864. 5'9", blue eyes, sandy hair, light skin. Died 7 May 1930 Poca, Putnam Co., WV.
SHINN, L. – Pvt. Promoted 1st Corporal 15 Oct 1863. Killed 15 May 1864 New Market, VA.
SIMMONS, Leonard – 5th Sgt, 3 Sep 1862, trans. out same day. 6', blue eyes, light hair.
SMITH, Elijah – Pvt.
TANNER, Lawson – Pvt. Deserted 8 Oct 1862 Kanawha River, WV.
TANNER, Jesse – Pvt. Deserted 8 Oct 1862, Kanawha River, WV.
TUCKER, Robert – Enlisted as 1st Lt. Died 8 Jul 1863.
VANDAL, William – Pvt. Deserted 5 Sep 1862, Hillsborough, VA
WEBB, James – Pvt. Deserted 26 Sep 1862 at Raleigh Co., WV.
WINES, Charles – Pvt. Deserted 30 Nov 1862, Narrows, VA.
WINES, Richard – Pvt. Farmer. 5'8" grey eyes, dark hair, dark skin. He deserted on 28 Oct 1862 Kanawha River, WV, was captured by Capt. Pell and arrested on 3 Nov 1862 at Roane Co., WV. He was confined at Atheneum Prison, Wheeling, WV 12 Nov 1862, then sent to Camp Chase, OH and confined on 13 Nov 1862.

Conditions at Camp Chase, a 10 acres site, became intolerable when the number of "retainees" went from what was intended and the crowding/ health conditions were never resolved. Camp Chase was located four miles from West Columbus, OH with a high board fence around the one story "cabin". There is an elevated plank walk within the yard to keep the men from floundering in the mud while making the circuit of the prison. It was one of the filthiest prisons of the many pens assigned for the confinement of Confederate prisoners. It was one of Central Ohio's Civil War connections and nothing remains of the military prison camp today, except for the cemetery.

Richard was transferred on 20 Nov 1862 at Cairo, IL (arrival for exchange). He was exchanged and returned on 16 Mar 1864 to Greenville, TN, then made his way to Spencer, Roane Co., WV.

There has been no death date found for Richard W. WINES, but records show him alive for a court date of 12 Feb 1898. This Court ordered "that R. W. Wines, a poor pensioner of Spencer District. He is allowed the sum of \$1.50 per week until the adjourned session of the term payable by order of the overseer of the poor of Spencer District.

AN UNPUBLISHED DESCENT FROM REV. JOHN MITCHEL Sr. THROUGH HIS FOURTH SON JOHN MITCHEL Jr.

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GGG-Grandson of Rev. John MITCHEL Sr.
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I. INTRODUCTION

I am a great-great-great-grandson of the Reverend John MITCHEL of Virginia. It has been just over two and a half years that I have been pursuing a formal research course to trace this relationship down through the years.

This article starts with a sincere and heartfelt acknowledgement of previous work done on the family and descendants of the Reverend John MITCHEL. In particular, I am aware of – and indebted to – three such family historians, given here in the order in which I encountered them.

First, William Foster HAYES III, in a four-part article in this very Journal entitled "John MITCHELL: The LIFE and Times of a Hacker's Creek Pioneer," provided not just a serious biography of this ancestor, but also a sympathetic appreciation for this historical context.¹

Next, the thorough and detailed work of Joseph Mitchell KELLOGG, whose work I discovered on poorly-photographed microfilm nearly by accident in the University of West Virginia archives while on my first trip to West Virginia and Lewis County.² And last, the earlier work of J. A. HENDERSON, with which I became

¹ *Hacker's Creek Journal*, Vol. V:3 (Spring 1987), Pages 131-141; Vol. V:4 (Summer 1987), Pages 194-203; Vol. VI:1(Fall 1987), Pages 33-42; Vol. VI:2 (Winter 1988), Pages 69-78. "Footnote" by Howard T. BONNETT, Vol. VI:3 (Spring 1988), Page 127.

² KELLOGG, Joseph MITCHELL. *The MITCHELL Family*, two vols. Typescript in three-ring notebooks. Title page signed by the author, 10 Feb 1958. Among other locations, a set of KELLOGG's three-volume notebook of can be found in the archives of the University of Kansas, where he was the dean of the school of architecture for many decades. Vol. I, the MITCHELL family, is complete. Other volumes are marred by some missing pages.

acquainted at the Library of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants.³ There are certainly other works on the topic, but I have not had access to them.

Very little work has been done on my lineage, at least past the Rev. John MITCHEL's fourth son, John MITCHEL Jr. Previously-known family-history references to my lineage include HENDERSON's:

"John MITCHELL Married Mary HOWE – No information available concerning the family of John MITCHELL and Mary HOWE. They moved to Kentucky in 1845. One daughter, Mary MITCHEL was born to them and married a Mr. MCGUIRE." ⁴

And Joseph M. KELLOGG goes but a little farther, at least naming my Great-Grandfather, Daniel Fitzhugh MITCHEL:

"Among the children of John Jr. and Mary (Polly) MITCHELL were:
i. George. Born probably in 1818-1819. ...
ii. Daniel." ⁵

That's it. A given name, nothing more.

My own family tradition included a vague story about West Virginia or Virginia, no one was very sure which. Then on the last day of my brother's first trip to the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, UT (September 2008), taken to work on our *maternal* ancestors, he found an index reference to John MITCHEL – literally in the last hour, with no time to follow it up. This tantalizing reference lead him and me to take another shot at that great library, late the following month (October 2008). That's when we found the William HAYES article and a whole lot more.

I immediately planned an in-person visit to West Virginia (on my way to business in Washington DC), spending four days in early December 2008 in Morgantown, Horner/Weston, Clarksburg and Jane Lew. It wasn't enough time. On my way east, I drove through Pendleton County, but on the weekend with no time to stop for more than a few photographs in the Mouth of Seneca area and in Germany Valley.⁶

³ A fairly complete typescript of HENDERSON's work from the mid-1950s is included in the archive materials of Joseph M. KELLOGG.

⁴ J. A. HENDERSON, "The Rev. John MITCHELL" (no date), Page 6 [pages renumber, starting with his transcription of the John MITCHEL gravestone].

⁵ Joseph M. KELLOGG's Vol. I, the MITCHELL volume, Page 92.

⁶ Fortunately, Joseph M. KELLOGG's Vol. I contains notes and transcriptions from a significant number of MITCHEL and TETER and HINKLE materials he found in Pendleton

Based on work in the Lewis County deeds, it was clear that my next trip had to be to Nicholas County Kentucky, whence John MITCHEL Jr. had removed. I was able to make this trip in April of 2009, spending four days in Nicholas County and neighboring Robertson County. (At the time John MITCHEL lived there, Robertson County was part of Nicholas County; the split was made after the Civil War).

My brother and I worked to assimilate all the data we'd accumulated into our family history database, from both my in-person visits and our online research. We made a trip to Fresno County, in the great Central Valley of California, to try to track Daniel Fitzhugh MITCHEL who died there. And I stopped in the Spring of last year (April 2010) at the University of Kansas, in Lawrence, expressly to see – and if possible photograph – the original Joseph M. KELLOGG materials archived there. It finally became clear that our missing links required a trip to Missouri, where enticing bits of documented family history emerged.

So I stopped in Missouri this past fall, in early December of 2010. I spent six days split among Barton and Jasper Counties (southwest Missouri), the State Archives in Jefferson City, and in Clark County in the extreme northwest. And I was finally able to document the link between John MITCHEL Jr. and his son Daniel Fitzhugh. We are still absorbing the detailed content I picked in this most recent trip.

Along the way, I have found real treasures. For example, doing a Google search on L. V. MCWHORTER on a pure whim, I noted a strange result from the Washington State University Archives, in Pullman, WA. I followed this link to learn that L. V. MCWHORTER had spent much of his academic life at WSU, and had left his papers to its library. Among the many holdings, most of which dealt with cultural anthropology, were some photographs of West Virginia – including a 5x7-inch contact print of the photo of the John MITCHEL log home that was printed in MCWHORTER's book *The Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia*. Taken in 1894, the incredibly-detailed picture shows Benoni MITCHELL sitting on a chair in the doorway, and his wife Susan standing demurely outside on the ground a few feet to his right. I cherish that photograph as one of the few icons connecting us to the ancestor.

My graduate study was in ancient Near Eastern history (Palestine), and as I hope my work shows, I have developed a strong commitment to critical reliance on original documents. I don't discount family traditions. I just try to make sure they can be backed up by historical documents. A case in point: John MITCHEL Sr.'s port of entry to the Colonies. Family tradition speculates, based on the size and importance of these port cities, that the young John must have come to America through New York or Boston. In his sworn pension affidavit, HOWEVER, the

County. But someday I intend to make it back to Pendleton County for a personal working tour.

Reverend and former County Commissioner swears he entered at Yorktown. I have to take the documented assertion in this case over the well-meaning speculation.⁷

This article is delimited to a lineal descent from John MITCHEL Sr. to my generation. There is much work to be done now on side-lines, but I will probably not be the one to do this. I invite others who follow in these footsteps to pick up this work. I hope opening up this new line will prove helpful to others. I look forward to seeing what comes from it.

Finally, a word on spellings and literary conventions. I have had the privilege of holding in my hands original documents signed by John MITCHEL Sr.,⁸ and his son John MITCHEL Jr.⁹ In all known instances, these two men signed their surname with only one final "l" – "MITCHEL," not "MITCHELL." So when I use their spelling, it is not simply out of prejudicial preference for our family's spelling – it's an attempt to honor the original nature of this spelling. I have, however, no brief with how other MITCHEL/MITCHELL descendants prefer to handle this matter. (Exceptions to this rule occur when quoting original sources.)¹⁰

For purposes of this article, and following the pattern of Joseph M. KELLOGG, I begin numbering the generations of MITCHELS from John MITCHEL Sr., thusly:

First Generation: John MITCHEL Sr. ⁽¹⁾
Second Generation: John MITCHEL Jr. ⁽²⁾
Third Generation: Daniel Fitzhugh MITCHEL ⁽³⁾
Fourth Generation: Oscar Roy MITCHEL ⁽⁴⁾
Fifth Generation: Arthur Earl MITCHEL ⁽⁵⁾
Sixth Generation: Larry Arthur MITCHEL ⁽⁶⁾
Seventh Generation: My children

II. ROOTS IN ENGLAND

⁷ Furthermore, there is an unbroken line of documentation for John MITCHEL Sr. in Rockingham, Pendleton, Harrison and Lewis Counties, including in-law connections – and nothing I've seen suggesting a life anywhere else. Fair warning: I've not done primary research on many of the MITCHEL spouses; for those I often rely on the work of others.

⁸ Among others, John MITCHEL Sr.'s original Revolutionary War Pension affidavit, dated 7 August 1832, and related documents now in the National Archives, Washington DC (File S5761).

⁹ John MITCHEL Jr.'s last will and testament, signed on 4 May 1870, in the probate files of Clark County, MO.

¹⁰ As researchers know, clerks and census-takers down through time have handled this surname in a wide variety of ways: MITCHEL, MITCHELL, MICHEL, MITHCELL, just to note a few.

That John **MITCHEL** Sr. was born in England is little doubted. But after that the evidence runs thin. The Reverend closed his pension affidavit with an autobiographical sketch, with reference to his place and date of birth. I now quote this sketch *verbatim* in its entirety (lines broken as in the original manuscript):

" affiant was born on the 1st day of May 1763 in Lancashire County England at a place called Dawston as he was informed by his father, in August 1774 he imigrated to America and landed at York Town Virginia, went from York Town to Norfolk Virginia ~~and Norfolk and~~ and from Norfolk he went Fredericksburg and after [~~crossed-out~~] moving from place to place he got into Hampshire County Virginia in the year 1775 and Continued there until he was drafted. for the twenty years immediately after he quit the service, he lif lived on the North fork of the South Branch of the Potomac there in the county of Rockingham now in the county of Pendleton Virginia. he then moved to his present residence where he has continued to reside since. ..." ¹¹

To this sworn statement, we add the biographical information included on the long inscription on his gravestone (authorship undocumented; slashes dividing the 20 lines):

REV. JOHN MITCHELL / BORN IN ENGLAND 1763 / BOUND TO A SAILOR WENT / TO W. INDIA & AMERICA / 1774 / THENCE TO E. INDIA / THENCE TO AMERICA / 1775 / CAME TO VIRGINIA / 1776 / SUBSTITUTED IN U. S. / ARMY / 1779 / DRAFTED 1779 / SETTLED ON THIS FARM / 1803 / PREACH'D THE GOSPEL / 40 YEAR / DIED 29TH APRIL, 1840 / AGE 76Y., 11M., 25D. ¹²

Finally, there are the English parish register records. In 1927, **KELLOGG** engaged a professional genealogist, E. **DWELLY**, of East Molesey, Surrey, England. In a letter dated 17 Sep 1927, **DWELLY** suggested that John **MITCHEL** was perhaps "son of Reynold **MITCHELL** of Bishop's Forge" (the position **KELLOGG** essentially adopted):

"Dalston, Cumberland, contains the following entry in the baptisms in the parish register – John **MITCHELL** son of Reynold **MITCHELL** of Bishop's Forge Dalston – born 17 May 1762. If this should be your

¹¹ Revolutionary War Pension S5761, Sworn Affidavit, dated 7 August 1832, Page 3. Strikeouts in the original.

¹² Transcription by Joseph M. **KELLOGG**, Vol. I, Page 58.

ancestor, I can only conclude that he was born 17 May 1762 & baptised 1 May 1763, because it is quite common in the old registers for children to be a year & sometimes 2 or 3 years of age before being baptised. If that is not the case, the birth or baptism of your John MITCHELL was very likely never entered in any register. . . ." ¹³

There are issues with all of the above primary sources, particularly the affidavit and the gravestone. First, the *place of birth* in the affidavit presents problems ("Dawston" in Lancashire County). There is no such place, as DWELLY says earlier in his letter. There is a "Dalston" but in Cumberland County. Joseph M. KELLOGG concludes with DWELLY that John MITCHEL Sr. was born in Dalston, about five miles south of Carlisle, Cumberland County, England.¹⁴

As to *birth date*, the age at death given on the MITCHEL gravestone, calculated backwards from the known date of death, yields a birth date of 4 May 1763, close enough to the date of 1 May 1763 in the 1832 pension affidavit. In the affidavit itself, on the fifth line, John MITCHEL is described as "aged Seventy Years, next May, ..." i.e. May 1833, a date consistent with his assertion about his date of birth later in the same affidavit (quoted above). Independent research in English church registers of the period yields only a baptism of a "John MITCHELL" in Bishop's Forge (not Dalston), Cumberland County, dated 17 May 1762.¹⁵

It is likely we will only ever know the *approximate* date of birth for John MITCHEL Sr.

As to John MITCHEL Sr.'s *parentage*, some family histories have identified Thomas MITCHELL and Jane Hetherington as his parents. Based on extant records, this seems not to be proven. I accept tentatively the possibility that his father is "Reynold MITCHELL of Bishop's Forge." The wife of Reynold MITCHELL was Jane REVELEY (born 3 May 1735, St. Michaels, Arlecdon, Cumberland, England ¹⁶; married 7 May 1754, St Bees, Cumberland, England).

As to the port of entry of the young John MITCHEL, that matter has been treated above. I take him as his word.

¹³ E. DWELLY handwritten letter, KELLOGG Vol. I, between Pages 2 and 3. My brother, working from microfilms of these same parish records in the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, with the assistance of Britain genealogy expert Mark Gardiner at FHL, arrives at essentially the same conclusion.

¹⁴ Vol. I, Page 2. KELLOGG wonders if the elderly John MITCHEL might have said "Dalston," and the clerk heard "Dawston" – a reasonable suggestion, but one that fails to explain the mistaken counties. Or John MITCHEL simply misremembered the place name.

¹⁵ *The Parish Registers of Dalston, Cumberland. Baptisms, 1679-1812; Marriages, 1679-1812; Burials, 1678-1812.* Page 56. "1762 ... May 17 John son of Reynold MITCHELL of Bishop's Forge."

¹⁶ Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT, Film 0090555.

This is, unfortunately, the present state of our knowledge of the time and place of the birth of John **MITCHEL** Sr., as far as I have been able to ascertain. This uncertainty begs for additional study, but we really need new primary sources of information.

III. REV. JOHN **MITCHEL** SR. ⁽¹⁾

Lifetime-line (major points only)

1762/63	Born Dalston, Cumberland, England
1774	Immigrated at Yorktown, Virginia
Aug 1780	Drafted into the Virginia Militia at Romney, Hampshire, Virginia
Dec 1881	Discharged from Virginia Colonial Line
1782	Moved to Mouth of Seneca, Rockingham (now Pendleton) County, Virginia
1784	Married Catherine Margaret TETER , daughter of George TETER and Anna Margaret HINKLE/HENCKEL .
1803	Sold Pendleton County property and removed to Hacker's Creek. Wife Catherine died.
Dec 1804	Married (second) Susannah WASHBURN .
1816-17	Involved in formation of Lewis County out of Harrison County.
1824	Missed by one vote becoming a Methodist Episcopal Bishop.
1829	With other reform-minded ministers, formed the Methodist Protestant church. ¹⁷
1832	Swore out a pension affidavit (approved in 1833).
29 Apr 1840	Died intestate in Jane Lew, Lewis County, Virginia.

Family Group [Mother: Catherine Margaret **TETER**] ¹⁸.

¹⁷ **BASSETT**, Ancel H. *A Concise History of the Methodist Protestant Church*. Pittsburgh: Charles A. Scott. 1877. Pages 88-97. Page 95: "About the 1st of February, 1830, George **BROWN** and Cornelius **SPRING** visited the Monongahela country.... He extended his labors into West Virginia. Here he found a society of twenty-eight at Pruntytown, and sixty members on Hacker's Creek, already organized. ... Of the ministers who shortly after identified themselves [as Methodist Protestant], in this section, were ... John **MITCHELL** [listed among eight others]..."

¹⁸ **KELLOGG**, Vol. I, Page 66ff.

George TETER	Born abt 1785, Rockingham County, Virginia; died 16 Dec 1821, Randolph County, Virginia. Married Mary MCCANN.
William	Born abt 1788, Pendleton County, Virginia; died early 1834, Lewis County, Virginia. Married Elizabeth STRALEY.
Abner	Born 31 Jul 1789, Pendleton County, Virginia; died 22 Jan 1840, Lewis County, Virginia. Married Dorcas LAWSON, 10 Dec 1812.
Mary Teter	Born 26 Jan 1792, Pendleton County, Virginia; died 1 Mar 1871, Lewis County, Virginia. Married George COOKMAN.
John Jr.	Born abt 1797 [KELLOGG says 1794], Pendleton County, Virginia; died abt Dec 1871, St. Francisville, Clark County, Missouri. Married Mary D. HOOE on 26 Jan 1818 (bond dated 21 Jan 1818). ¹⁹
Jane	Born abt 1798, Pendleton County, Virginia; died 20 Jan 1881, Lewis County, Virginia. Married Alexander CURTIS. Married (second) John GODFREY.
Paul	Born abt 1800, Pendleton County, Virginia; died 1830, Lewis County, Virginia. Never married.
Margaret	Born 11 Apr 1803, Pendleton County, Virginia; died 6 May 1853, Lewis County, Virginia. Never married.

Family Group [Mother: Susannah WASHBURN]

¹⁹ This surname is variously rendered **How**, **HOWE**, **Hoe**, etc. **HOOE** is the proper spelling. The **HOOE** family has a significant history in Virginia. TYLER, Lyon Gardiner, *Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography*, Vol. V. New York: Lewis Historical Pub. Co. 1915. Pages 807-808. Jester, Annie Lash. *Adventures of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1624/5, Fourth Volume*. 1956. Pages 337-354.

Rebecca	Born abt 1806, Lewis County, Virginia; died 31 Oct 1861. Never married.
Eli	Born abt 1808, Lewis County, Virginia. Married Delilah WINDSOR of Monogalia County. No children. She married (second) Eli's brother Isaac MITCHEL .
Catherine	Born 1810, Lewis County, Virginia; died 15 Mar 1870. Married Philip PETTY and moved to Noble County, Ohio.
Isaac	Born 1813, Lewis County, Virginia; died 4 Nov 1878. Married Delilah WINDSOR , widow of his brother Eli.
Benoni	Born 19 Feb 1815, ²⁰ Lewis County, Virginia; died 6 Nov 1903. Married Susan LIFE , Aug 1837.
Elizabeth	Born 1818, Lewis County, Virginia; died 20 Jun 1902. Married George B. BENT .
Casandra R.	Born btw 1815 and 1820, Lewis County, Virginia. Never married.

As noted above, the Reverend John **MITCHEL** Sr. died without benefit of a will. At the time of his death he had considerable land holdings (upwards of 1,000 acres). The family apparently fell immediately to infighting over the **MITCHEL** estate, a battle that carried on for years. Finally, in the mid 1850s it appears the County Court simply got fed up with suit/ countersuit, and created and then imposed a division of property. ²¹

IV. JOHN MITCHEL JR. ⁽²⁾

²⁰ In a letter dated 14 Apr 1955, J. A. **HENDERSON** suggests the birth date to be in 1813, not 1815, based on census records. **KELLOGG**, Vol. I, following Page 104.

²¹ Four-page "deed" (really more of a legal decision), where two County Commissioners give themselves as "the first part" (John **MCWHORTER** and Robert **IRVINE**) and 11 **MITCHEL** offspring of the second part. 28 January 1856; Lewis County Deeds, Book S, Pages 188-191.

Life time-line (major points only)

Abt 1797	Born Pendleton County, Virginia (probably at Mouth of Seneca).
Jan 1818	Married Mary D. "Polly" HOOE (bond dated 24 Jan 1818)
1825	Along with two brothers, receives land from Rev. John MITCHEL Sr.
1844	Last entry I could find in the Lewis County Tax Books for John MITCHEL Jr.
Nov 1846	Purchased land in Nicholas County, Kentucky, from son William H. MITCHEL. This was the first of many Kentucky land transactions.
Mar 1859	Sold property in Nicholas County.
Jun 1860	Appeared in U.S. Census for St. Francisville, Clark County, Missouri.
Sep 1870	Appeared in U.S. Census for St. Francisville, Clark County, Missouri. Living in same house with Mary D. MCGUIRE, daughter of John and Mary D., and wife of Aris T. MCGUIRE. ²²
4 May 1870	Signed last will and testament.
3 Jan 1872	Probate opened in Clark County Court (File #813) for John MITCHEL Jr. who apparently died in December 1871 or first two days of Jan 1872. No obituary found as yet.
Oct 1882	Mary D. MITCHEL, wife of John MITCHEL Jr., died. Obituary published in local newspaper. ²³ Date of death: 20 Oct 1882 ("aged 80 years").

Family Group

Note: The children of John MITCHEL Jr. are here listed in the order in which they appear in his will, signed 4 May 1870 – except Mary D. who was listed last, presumably because she was married to Aris T. MCGUIRE who (as the last bequest listed in the will) received essentially all of John MITCHEL Jr.'s estate. One son is not named in the will: William H. MITCHEL had died a single man in Nicholas County, Kentucky, in 1856 – before the family moved from there to Clark County,

²² U. S. Census, 1860. St. Francisville, Clark County, Missouri, Page 61.

²³ *Clark County Gazette*, 26 Oct 1882 (Thursday): "Mrs. Mary MITCHEL died at the residence of her son-in-law, J. T. MCGUIRE [sic] in St Francisville, Friday, Oct. 20th, aged 80 years." MCGUIRE first name was Aris (or Aris). "J. T." is a clerical or reportorial error.

Missouri.²⁴ Of these, only George [C], Daniel, and Mary are named by Joseph M. **KELLOGG**.²⁵

George C.	Born abt 1818, Lewis County, Virginia. Married Johanna PRICHARD , Nov 1837.
Daniel Fitzhugh ²⁶	Born 8 Jan 1820, Lewis County, Virginia; died 8 Mar 1895, Fowler, Fresno County, California. Married Sarah Susannah LARKIN , in Mt Sterling, Brown County, Illinois, .
William H.	Born abt 1821, Lewis County, Virginia; died 4 Jul 1856, Nicholas County, Kentucky. Never married. Cause of death: "Liver complaint." ²⁷
Mary D.	Born abt 1827, Lewis County, Virginia; died 1 Mar 1871, Lewis County, Virginia. Married name (in May 1870): MCGUIRE .
Harriet R.	Married name (in May 1870): JOHNSON . I know nothing more about this daughter.
Sarah A.	Born abt 1798, Pendleton County, Virginia; died 20 Jan 1881, Lewis County, Virginia. Married name (in May 1870): MUSICK [sic].
Margaret J.	Born 1800, Pendleton County, Virginia; died 1830, Lewis County, Virginia. Married name (in May 1870): ARNOLDS [sic].
Eli M.	Born abt 1828, Lewis County, Virginia; died 1909, Texas [?]. Married Elizabeth [Unknown].

²⁴ Other published family lists give a number of other offspring. However, for this article I am keeping to the list in the will.

²⁵ **KELLOGG**, Vol. I, Page 92.

²⁶ Both middle names "**FITZHUGH**" and "**HOWSON**" echo venerable Virginia family names. Mary D. "Polly" **HOOE**'s mother was Jane **FITZHUGH**, daughter of Daniel McCarty **FITZHUGH**. And Rice **HOOE** III married Anne **HOWSON**, daughter of Robert **HOWSON** and Sarah **BARTON**.

²⁷ Frances T. **INGMIRE**, *Nicholas County Kentucky Deaths, 1852-58; 1876-78*. Self-published, 1985. Page 12. (I've seen this death record in Nicholas County and can verify its content.) His Masonic gravestone gives his death date as 2 Aug 1856, clearly not correct.

John S.	Born abt 1830, Lewis County, Virginia; died after 1880, West Virginia. Married Martha SPURGEON .
Samuel Howson ²⁶	Born 1 Feb 1832, Lewis County, Virginia; died 24 Mar 1924, Shedd, Linn County, Oregon. Middle name: HOWSON . Married Florence Jane PAYNE , 1 May 1862 in Clark County, Missouri.
Lucinda E.	Born 28 May 1834, Lewis County, Virginia; died 1 Feb 1913, Stronghurst, Henderson County, Illinois. Middle name: Elizabeth. Married): Benjamin P. BLINCOE [" BLINCO " in the will] in May 1870.
Joseph T.	Born abt 1836, Lewis County, Virginia; died 1 Jun 1914, Fresno County, California. Married Mary Jane WOOD .

William H. **MITCHEL**, the missing son of John **MITCHEL** Jr.'s will, figures prominently in the Lewis County, Virginia deeds as well as the deeds of Nicholas County, Kentucky. In the latter place, William H. purchased and operated a mill. Some maps of Robertson County still show a "**MITCHELL**'s Mill," and a single small sign on County Road 616 still marks the area. Apparently he also operated a distillery in **MITCHELL**'s Mill. ²⁸ Whether or not he partook too freely of his output is not known, but his official cause of death was "liver complaint."²⁹ He was only 35 years old ("and 5 months and 0 days" per his gravestone).

V. DANIEL FITZHUGH **MITCHEL** ⁽³⁾

Lifetime-line (major touch-points only)

8 Jan 1820	Born in Jane Lew, Lewis County, Virginia.
1855	Master Mason in Carrell Lodge #245, in MITCHELL 's Mill, Nicholas [now Robertson] County, Kentucky. ³⁰

²⁸ Robertson County Historian, personal communication, Apr 2009.

²⁹ **INGMIRE**, *Ibid*.

³⁰ Carroll M. **CURTIS**, Past Grand Master (1969-1970), Free and Accepted Masons, Kentucky. Personal communication.

Oct 1862	With Samuel H. MITCHEL and one other, purchased property in Clark County, Missouri. Still a resident of Scott County, Illinois.
May 1863	On tax lists in Winchester, Scott County, Illinois.
11 Feb 1864	Married Sarah Susannah LARKIN in Mt. Sterling, Brown County, Illinois. ³¹
Nov 1867	Wife Sarah S. bought property in Jasper County, Missouri.
Jun 1870	Bought property in Barton County, Missouri.
Aug 1874	Sold property in Barton County, Missouri.
Oct 1875	Bought property in Ferndale, Humboldt County, California.
Dec 1887	Sold property in Ferndale, Humboldt County, California.
Jan 1888	Bought property in Auburn, Placer County, California.
May 1888	Wife Sarah S. bought property in Fowler, Fresno County, California.
May 1888	Registered to vote in Fowler, Fresno County, California.
4 Mar 1895	Died in Fowler, Fresno County, California. Buried in Selma, Fresno County, California. Gravestone lists birth in "VA." As "June 1822," probably two years off. ³²
16 Jul 1910	Sarah Susannah MITCHEL died, in Fowler, Fresno County, California. ³³

Family Group

Lincoln John	Born 29 Mar 1865, Illinois; died 5 Oct 1916, Fresno, Fresno County, California. Married Priscilla [Unknown]. Daniel Fitzhugh
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³¹ *Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900*. Brown County Marriage Records, Vol. 17, Page 213

³² *Fowler Ensign* [newspaper], 9 March 1895. Obituary. "D. F. MITCHEL Dead. Daniel F. MITCHEL died at his home, two miles north-east of Fowler, Monday morning. Mr. MITCHEL was 73 years of age and was one of the old settlers in this neighborhood. He was well and favorably known. The ENSIGN joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to them." "Monday morning" would have been 4 March 1895, consistent with his death certificate.

³³ Fresno County Standard Certificate of Death. Gravestone in Selma, CA, just gives death date as "JULY 1910."

MITCHEL was a great admirer of President Lincoln.

Adie May Born 3 Oct 1866, Illinois; died Oct 1872, prob. in Barton County, Missouri. Marriage status not presently known.

Cady Stanton Born 23 Oct 1868, North Fork, Barton County, Illinois; died 8 Oct 1899, Jefferson, Marion County, Oregon. Also spelled Caddie. Married Clinton H. **REEVES**.

Noble Payne Born 8 Oct 1870, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri; died 19 Oct 1936, Yuba City, Sutter County, California. Married Otilie **GELBKE**.

Florence Sarah Born 5 Jan 1873, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri; died 29 Feb 1960, Yuba City, Sutter County, California. Married Fred Gallaher. Married (second) Charles **GELBKE**.

Charles Edwin Born 21 May 1875, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri; died 26 Jun 1945, Galva, Henry County, Illinois. Married Hannah **McKenna** 1898. Married (second) Rosa Amelia **BROOKS**, 28 Oct 1914, Galva, Henry County, Illinois.

Laura Daisy Born 15 Aug 1877, Ferndale, Humboldt County, California; died 8 Jan 1966, Clovis, Fresno County, California. Married Glen Henry **EVERSOLL**.

Oscar Roy Born 8 Jan 1880, Ferndale, Humboldt County, California; died 5 Feb 1972, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California. Married Letha May **MILLER**, 10 Jul 1910 in Fresno County, California. Married (second) Ethel [Unknown].

Josephine Rinda Born 26 May 1882, Ferndale, Humboldt County, California; died 30 Jun 1959, Yuba City, Sutter County, California. Married Thilo Carl Albert **GELBKE**.

According to family lore, and consistent with documentable land sales and purchases, Daniel Fitzhugh **MITCHEL**, in August of 1875, loaded his family goods into a Union Pacific (or Central Pacific) Railroad boxcar and headed west. The Transcontinental Railway was then barely six years old. Lore has them starting this emigration in St. Joseph, Missouri and ending in Humboldt County in northwestern California. They reportedly took a ship from San Francisco up the coast. Charles Edwin was in infant in arms for that very long trip.

After a little over a decade in Ferndale, California, the family moved again, now to Auburn, California in the lower foothills of the central Sierra Nevada. There, the deed shows that on one of the **MITCHEL** land holdings the mineral rights to a vein of quartz running through the property were excluded from his purchase. There is today a street in rural Auburn named after Sarah S. **MITCHEL**: **LARKIN** Lane is a short dead-end street off of Joeger Road, a little less than a mile south-southwest of the intersection of Joeger Road and Bell Road. It presently serves as an access for three family dwellings on the southern extent of the former **MITCHEL** property.

VI. OSCAR ROY **MITCHEL** ⁽⁴⁾

Life time-line (major touch-points only)

8 Jan 1880	Born in Ferndale, Humboldt County, California.
Jun 1900	Living in Fowler, Fresno County, California.
10 Jul 1910	Married Letha May MILLER , Fresno County, California.
1920	Lived in Vernon Township, now Yuba City, Sutter County, California. Married (second), Ethel [surname].
5 Feb 1972	Died in San Jose, Santa Clara County, California.

Family Group

Ralph Harold	Born 4 Feb 1914, Sanger, Fresno County, California. Married Hazel WOOD .
Clarence Oscar	Born 6 Sep 1914, Sanger, Fresno County, California; died 12 Jul 2003, Coulterville, Mariposa County, California. Married Venus URQUHART . Married (second) Francis [Unknown].
Arthur Earl	Born 12 Jan 1921, Sutter, Sutter County, California; died 25 Mar 2006, Sacramento, Sacramento

County, California. Married Carmelita Esther
PARKS. Married (second) Hulda June [HILL]
Zocher.

Oscar Roy **MITCHEL** was associated in one way or another with California's Central Valley agriculture all his working life. In Yuba City, where he raised his family of here boys, he maintained a 40-acre prune orchard and dried his own fruit on the property with a large dehydrator. Later in life he acted as a tomato inspector, but I have no other details on this.

VII. ARTHUR EARL **MITCHEL** ⁽⁵⁾

Life time-line (major touch-points only)

12 Jan 1921	Born in Sanger, Fresno County, California.
Jun 1900	Living in Fowler, Fresno County, California.
19 Sep 1943	Married Carmelita Esther PARKS , Deer Park, Napa County, California.
1955	Began first of three tours of service as missionary in Peru, South America.
Nov 2002	Wife Carmelita MITCHEL died.
29 Mar 2002	Married (second) Hulda June [HILL] ZOCHER ; Colton, San Bernardino County, California.
25 Mar 2006	Died in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California.

Family Group

Larry Arthur ⁽⁶⁾	Born 1944, Napa County, California.
Daniel Earl	Born 1948, Napa County, California.

Arthur Earl **MITCHEL**, my father, attended Pacific Union College, Angwin, Napa County, California. Having no family support at this private four-year liberal-arts college, he worked his way through school at St. Helena Sanitarium. Now called St. Helena Hospital, this facility was established in 1878, the oldest hospital in Adventist Health (a system of hospitals in California, Oregon, Washington and Hawai'i). It was there he met his wife (my mother), a nursing student.

When Arthur graduated with a major in ministerial studies, there were no church positions available. So he took a series of education positions in California (elementary, then secondary). In the Summer of 1954 he was asked to go to Peru, South America, to head up a secondary school (*Collegio Adventista del Titicaca*), in

the highlands of south Peru, near Juliaca. In all, he spent about 12 years serving in Peru, ultimately being asked to pastor a church in Arequipa, the largest city in south Peru. After returning on permanent furlough from Peru, Arthur served as pastor in a number of churches, first in South Dakota, then in the Sierra Nevada of California.

CONCLUSION

Photographs: Thanks to someone's foresight, I have scans of photographs, in some cases many different ones, of my direct-line ancestors back to Daniel Fitzhugh MITCHEL (and one of his brother Samuel HOWSON MITCHEL and wife Florence). Photography was pretty ubiquitous when John MITCHEL Jr. was still alive (early 1870s), but to my knowledge no photographs of him survived in my branch of the family. Perhaps the MCGUIRES retained some; I'd love to have a digital scan!

The present is prologue. I remind myself that I have been on this particular family-history pursuit for something over two years. I assume I will learn additional facts about this line in the years to come.

I'd also like to issue an invitation to readers to correct documentable errors that may have crept in to this narrative. I'm sure they exist, and I want to correct them. Provide me with the documentation, and I'll quickly do so. In some cases I may wish to open a dialogue, especially if I believe I have supporting documentation of my own. Email: mitchel.larry@gmail.com

Finally, consider this an invitation to "fill out" this very lineal descent. As I said at the beginning of this article, I'm not likely to be able to do that, but as interested parties are moved to do so, it would be gratifying to see work on family side-lines taken up.

GEORGE W. SAMPLE OF MONONGALIA COUNTY

By Jim **SAMPLE**

George Washington **SAMPLE**, G-Great Grandfather of the author, is the progenitor of this **SAMPLE** family. In the year that George **SAMPLE** was born, circa 1814, the United States was embroiled in a second armed conflict with Great Britain, which we now know as the War of 1812. The American Revolution had concluded less than 30 years earlier in the independence of the American Colonies from Great Britain. Thirteen colonies united subsequent to the war to form the United States of America. In 1803, the region of Louisiana, extending from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains and from the Gulf of Mexico to British North America, doubling the size of the United States, was purchased through the efforts of President Thomas Jefferson. By 1814, the original thirteen states had grown to eighteen, with Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and Louisiana having been accepted as new states into the union.

George **SAMPLE** was born in Pennsylvania about 1814-1816. Neither his parents nor the exact location of his birth are known. His gravestone, located in the cemetery of Fort Martin Methodist Church, Fort Martin, Monongalia County, West Virginia, shows a birth date of 1816. The church and cemetery is located on State Route 53, about 1/2 mile south of the Pennsylvania state line. Ages listed in census records, during the intervening years before his death, tend to confirm the 1816 date. The 1900 U.S. Census creates a conflict by listing the date as January, 1814; at this time his age was given as 86. Various records list his name, alternatively, as George Washington **SAMPLE**, G. W. **SAMPLE**, and Washington **SAMPLE**. For simplicity herein, he is referred to as George **SAMPLE**.

U.S. Census records for 1850-1900 reveal that both George **SAMPLE** and wife, Malinda (**STONEKING**), were born in Pennsylvania.⁽¹⁾ The city, township, or county of origin for George **SAMPLE** is unknown. Malinda **STONEKING**, likely, was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania. They both were born about the same time—1814. The place of marriage and the exact date are unknown, as a marriage record has not been found. We know from her death record that Malinda **STONEKING** was the daughter of Adam **STONEKING**. A check of the 1810 and 1820 census indexes for Pennsylvania revealed that an Adam **STONEKING** lived in Dunkard Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, during the period of Malinda's birth. According to the 1820 U.S. Census, Adam **STONEKING** had two females in his family of less than 10 years, one of which is likely Malinda. If born in 1814, she would have been age 6 years at the time.

Since marriages during that period frequently occurred between people from the same general locality, the 1820 Pennsylvania census was checked for a **SAMPLE** family in the same local area as the **STONEKING**'s. As hoped, a Samuel **SAMPLE** was listed in Dunkard Township living in the proximity of the **STONEKING**'s. Cemetery records for Dunkard Township show Samuel **SAMPLE**, d. 13 May 1846, aged 75 years, and Jane, his wife, d. Aug 1848, aged 72 years, buried together in the Bald Hill M. P. Church cemetery at Bald Hill, Pennsylvania.

Based on the 1820 Pennsylvania census records, a Samuel **SAMPLE**, engaged in Commerce, is listed as the head of a family of eight people, including four males under the age of 10, one of whom could be George **SAMPLE**. (2) To date, this is still unproven; no record of any type has been found to prove that Samuel and Jane are the parents of George **SAMPLE**.

George **SAMPLE** does not appear in either the Virginia or Pennsylvania census for 1840. He was about 23 years old in 1840 and married with a one-year old son born in Virginia, according to later census records. Therefore, the family was either missed when the enumeration took place or they were living out of the state, most likely Pennsylvania, at the time.

George **SAMPLE** married Malinda **STONEKING**, daughter of Adam **STONEKING**, who lived in Dunkard, Greene County, Pennsylvania. They probably married about 1838 or about one year before the birth of son, Alva. The place of marriage and the exact date are unknown, as a marriage record has not been found. George **SAMPLE** and Malinda settled near Martin's Fort, Monongalia County, Virginia in the 1840s. Martin's Fort was situated just across the Virginia line with Pennsylvania and in the immediate vicinity of Fort Martin Methodist Church. It occupied a central position on several thousand acres. This area is in Cass District of Monongalia County, West Virginia. Formed in 1776, Monongalia County takes its name from the Monongahela River. The name *Monongalia* may be a misspelling of Monongahela.

Alva **SAMPLE**, son, was born in 1839 to George and Malinda **SAMPLE**. He married Annis A. C. **MARTIN**. They are known to have had five children

Allen **SAMPLE**, son, was born in 1840 to George and Malinda **SAMPLE**. He married Sarah **THOMAS**. They are known to have had eight children.

Emeline **SAMPLE**, daughter, was born in 1841 to George and Malinda **SAMPLE**. She married John **EDGALL** about 1866. They are believed to have been childless.

Mary E. **SAMPLE**, daughter, was born to George and Malinda **SAMPLE** in 1843. She married Randolph **SMITH** in 1869. They are known to have had four children.

Sarah J. **SAMPLE**, daughter, was born to George and Malinda **SAMPLE** in 1845. She married John **ROBBINS**. They are known to have had three children.

George **SAMPLE** is enumerated for the first time as Washington **SAMPLE** in the 37th District of Monongalia County., Virginia in the 1850 US census. (3) His age is given as 33 years, and his profession is listed as Cooper, which is defined as a person whose work is making or replacing barrels or casks. Wife, Malinda, is listed as age 34, and could not read or write. Five children are listed: the twin sons, Alva and Allen, ages 11, and three females. The girls are Emeline, 9; Mary, 7; and Sarah, 5. Sons, Alva and Allen, and daughter, Emeline, attended school during the year. Both George and Malinda are listed as born in Pennsylvania and the children in Virginia.

For the 1860 Census, George **SAMPLE** is again enumerated as Washington **SAMPLE** in District 4, Madsville post office, of Monongalia County, Virginia. (4) He is listed as a farmer, his age is given as 42, and Malinda's as 43. Alva's and Allen's ages are listed as 21, Emeline's as 17, and Sarah's as 14. Mary is missing from the census and does not appear again in later censuses under the family name of **SAMPLE**. This census lists George **SAMPLE**'s profession as a Farmer with the twins as Farm Hands. The value of his personal estate is given as \$400. Again, George and Malinda are listed as born in Pennsylvania and the children in Virginia. George **SAMPLE** was elected Constable of Cass District in Monongalia County, Virginia in 1860 and again in 1863, during the period of the America Civil War. (5) No evidence has been found to show any Civil War service for him.

In 1863, Monongalia County, Virginia, became Monongalia County, West Virginia, when West Virginia was granted statehood during the Civil War.

West Virginia became a state following the Wheeling Conventions, breaking away from Virginia during the American Civil War. The new state was admitted to the Union on June 20, 1863, and was a key Civil War border state. West Virginia was the only state to form by seceding from a Confederate state.

West Virginia was originally part of the British Virginia Colony (from 1607 to 1776) and the western frontier of Virginia (from 1776 to 1863). The population of this area became sharply divided over the issue of secession from the Union. In the separation from Virginia, it was formalized by admittance to the Union as the 35th state in 1863.

On 20 July 1864, George **SAMPLE** purchased 25-1/4 acres of land for \$454. 50 from Stephen **MERRILL** and wife in Monongalia County, West Virginia. (6) Land was previously conveyed to **MERRILL** by Alva **STONEKING**, brother of Malinda **STONEKING SAMPLE**.

In 1870, George W. **SAMPLE** is enumerated in Monongalia County, West Virginia in Cass District. (7) His age is given as 53 and Malinda's is listed as 54; both are listed as having been born in Pennsylvania. Malinda is identified again as being unable to write. The only child remaining at home is Emeline, age 26; who was

born in West Virginia. Real estate holdings are listed as \$540 with personal property of \$200.

Then in 1880, George (Washington) **SAMPLE**, and wife, Malinda, are enumerated in Cass District of Monongalia County., West Virginia. (8) His occupation is given as a carpenter. Their ages are given as 63 and 65, respectively, and both are listed as having been born in Pennsylvania. Appearing for the first time in the household, John **EAGLE** is listed as working on the farm. His age is given as 33 and is recorded as having been born in West Virginia. Emeline is listed as his wife. Her age is given as 37 and is recorded, also, as having been born in West Virginia.

U.S. Census records for 1890 were destroyed by water damage used to quell a fire and are nonexistent for Monongalia County, West Virginia.

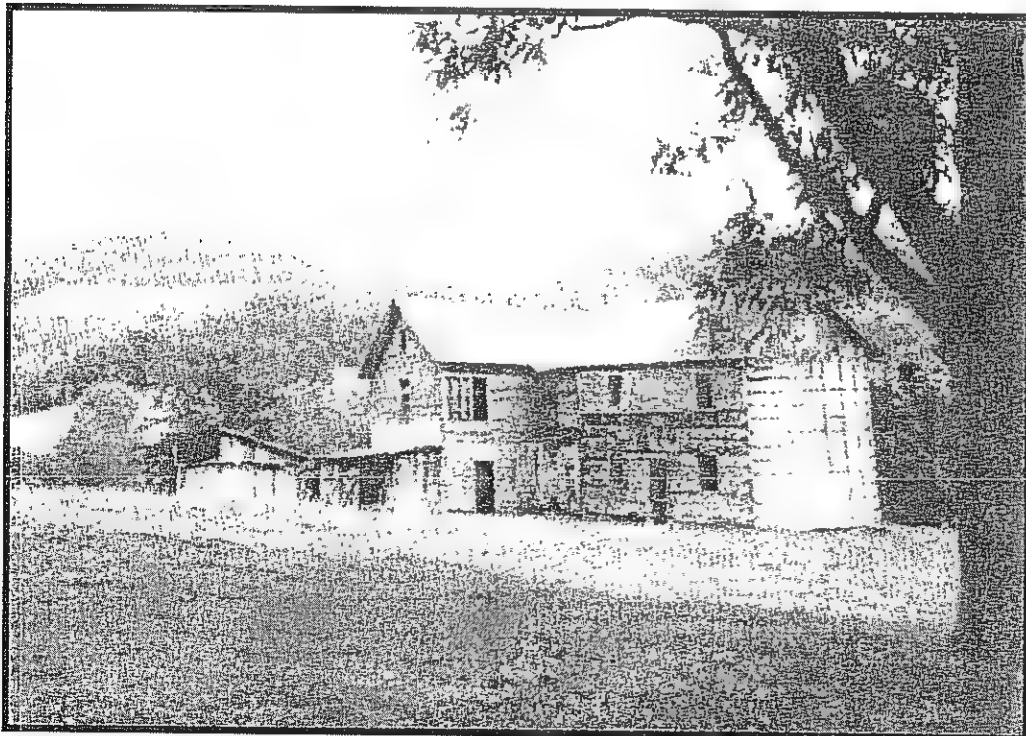
Malinda **STONEKING SAMPLE**, wife of George W. **SAMPLE**, died in Monongalia County, West Virginia, 15 July 1891. (9) During the 1900 US Census, George **SAMPLE** is again enumerated as a Farmer in Cass District, Monongalia County, West Virginia. (10) His age is given as 86 and his birth date is listed as January 1814. His birthplace is listed as Pennsylvania, as well as both of his parents. John **EAGLE** is listed as his son-in-law, and his occupation is listed as a Farm Labor. He has been married 24 years, his age is listed as 53, his birth date is given as October 1846, and he cannot read or write. His birthplace and those of his parents are listed as Pennsylvania. Emeline is listed as married 24 years, her age is given as 55, and her birth date is shown as May 1845. She is listed as childless. She can read and write.

On 31 May 1902, Edgar B. **STEWART** was appointed by the Monongalia County Court as Administer of the estate of George W. **SAMPLE**, deceased. (11) Thus George **SAMPLE** evidently died shortly before the court date. A death record, will, or inventory of the estate has not been found.

George Washington **SAMPLE** and Malinda **STONEKING SAMPLE** are buried in the Fort Martin Methodist Church Cemetery, Fort **MARTIN**, Monongalia County, West Virginia. (12)

Monongalia County Commissioner, **GLASSCOCK**, reported to the Monongalia County court the contents of the estate. Since property owned by George **SAMPLE** would produce insufficient rent in 5 years to pay debts of the estate, the court ordered the property sold. Estate Administrator **STUART**, was ordered to sell the property. Subsequently, the 26 ¼-acre property was sold to Lemuel N. **JOHNSON**. Following the heirs of the estate were ordered to convey a "good and sufficient" deed for the property to **JOHNSON**. Later the court approved the commissioner's report, sale of property, and payment of debts. ¹³

1. US Census Records, 1850-1900: Monongalia County, WV, National Archives Microfilm
2. Ibid
3. Ibid
4. Ibid
5. Wiley, History of Monongalia County, West Virginia, p 69; and Earl L. Gore, Monongalia County Story, Vol III, p 553.
6. Monongalia County, WV, Deed Book 2, p 742
7. US Census Records, 1850-1900
8. Ibid
9. Death Record of Malinda **SAMPLE**, 15 Jul 1891, Monongalia County., WV, Death Record Book 1, p 120
10. US Census Records, 1850-1900
11. Monongalia County, WV, Fiduciary Orders, V 58. Vol 3, 1901-1903, p 58
12. Personal visits by James R. and Joyce C. **SAMPLE**.
13. Monongalia County, West Virginia, Court Records



WILLIAM & NANCY LAWSON

By Ron Lawson

William and Nancy (**MYERS**) **LAWSON**, with 4 small children, came to Laurel Lick, Lewis County, in 1842, bought property and built a one room log cabin. that year. Their fifth child, Jessie Archimiotas, was born within a short time.

William built a larger two-story home across the road between 1842 and 1864 during which time they parented eleven more children. The two structures are still there today.

William and Nancy were married in 1835 in Harrison County. She was only 15. Soon after their married, they went to Indiana. Several years later they returned to what is now West Virginia.

When William died in 1894, he was buried in a family plot across Laurel Lick high on a hill named Purgatory. Five of their children who preceded him in death were also buried there. When Nancy died in 1899, she was buried beside William. The family plot is still visible today with a large limestone monument for William and Nancy and several intialed rocks for several of the children.

The property is presently owned by the **HURST** family.

William and Nancy's children married into the following families: **TIMS**, **PROBST**, **SWISHER**, **CUTRIGHT**, **WAGGY**, **BELL**, **MORRIS**, **MYERS**, **MARPLE**, **SMITH**, **JACKSON** and **ROBINSON**.

I would be glad to exchange/share information about the **LAWSONs** of laurel lick.

The picture on the previous page is the Lawson homestead on Beard's Run in Harrison County. It was built by William's parents, William and Rebecca (**GRIGSBY**) **LAWSON** in the mid 1800s. This picture was taken in 1983.

Queries ???????????

1. Looking for family pictures of William Oscar and Olive Melissa **LAWSON SWISHER**, Septembus Albert and Sophia **LAWSON BUTCHER**, William Thomas and Flora **SWISHER LAWSON**, John Columbus and Addie Bird **SWISHER LAWSON**, David Silvester and Sary **BUSH LAWSON**, Isaac Herbert and Blanch **FERGUSON LAWSON**, Burton Clarence and Laura **SWISHER LAWSON**, Edwin M and Edna **LAWSON** Henry Cornelius and Annie **TIMS LAWSON**, Contact Ron **LAWSON** @rondylawson@bellsouth.net

2. My parents were Robert Lee **ALLMAN** and Wanoka (Winnie) Lee **QUEEN**

ALLMAN, they are both deceased. Robert (Bob) died Feb. 10, 1981 and Mom followed him in passing on May 4, 2007. Robert Lee **ALLMAN**'s father Otto **ALLMAN**, mother Francis Grace Bush **ALLMAN**--I would like to find our ancestors. Wanoka Lee **QUEEN ALLMAN**'s father Clyde S. **QUEEN**, mother Hazel (Anna) **BEAN QUEEN**. Please send any information to Debbie Honeycutt 408 Grandin Ridge Drive, Mainville, OH 45309. E-mail: dhoneycuttAzoomtown.com

3. John **ALKIRE** was b. 1759 in Hampshire Co., VA, and he m. Christena **WOLF** in Harrison Co., WV on 22 Jan 1783. Christena was the d/o Jacob **WOLF**, Jr. (1754-1834) and some records show her mother to be Christine **WETZEL**.

Christena **WOLF** and John **ALKIRE** had dau. Cristena "Tenie" **ALKIRE** b. 15 Jul 1786 Harrison Co., and d. 15 Apr 1874 in Lewis Co. Tenie m. John **BUTCHER**. Tenie and John had son Joseph Anderson **BUTCHER**. John also was called John Anderson **BUTCHER** and we have never been able to document the reason. Some records show that and some do not.

Joseph Anderson **BUTCHER** was b. 19 Dec 1806 on Gee Lick Run in Lewis Co., WV and he m. Eunice **FISHER** on 13 Jan 1828 Lewis Co. - their marriage bond was dated 1 Jan 1828. Eunice was the d/o George **FISHER** and Barbara Elizabeth **BUSH**, b. in Jan 1810 near Weston, Lewis Co. George and "Barbee" lived on Murphy's Creek in Lewis Co. Joseph d. 14 Jun 1845 near Weston and Eunice m/2 Edmund **BADGETT** on 16 Mar 1846. They moved to Roane Co., WV to be near Eunice 9 children. They had 2 children of their own.

Have been working on these families for many years and would appreciate any contact with others connected to them. I am happy to share information. Bette **BUTCHER TOPP** - 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218
toppline@comcast.net 509-467-2299

4. I am trying to identify the parents of Fay W. **TENNEY**. It is a birth record from the WVCulture Web Site, (<http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/>) as summarized below. Birth data from WVCulture Web Site, Upshur Co., WV, Register of Births, 1907, No page number listed, line 1. Fay W. **TENNEY**, b. Aug. 31, 1907, Nixon, Upshur Co., WV. Father: A. S. **TENNEY**. Mother: Rosa J. **TENNEY**. George W. **PAINTER**

5. Looking for parents and siblings of Abraham **CHAPMAN** b abt 1793 VA, m Christina **COTTRILL** (nickname Tiny) b 1826-1830 Clay or Calhoun CoVA/OH Need Christina's parents and siblings. Their children were Emily, George, John, Rebecca. Abe died abt 1862 in Wood Co. Helen Leeper 8782 Latto Rd Uhrichsville, OH 44683, 740 922 9758, helenleeper@earthlink.net

6. Looking for parents and siblings of Elizabeth **DAVIS** b abt 1780 state unk, m James **MCPHERSON** b abt 1768 Chester Co PA, she died 9 June 1871 Harrison Co bur in Old Johnstown Meth Cem. Helen Leeper 8782 Latto Rd. Uhrichsville, OH 44683, 7409229758, helenleeper@earthlink.net

7. Looking for parents and siblings of Mary **PATTERSON** b abt 1790, m Absalom **KENT** b abt 1810 VA. Helen **LEEPER** 8782 Latto Rd. Uhrichsville, OH 44683, 740 922 9758, helenleeper@earthlink.net

8. Looking for parents and siblings of Mary **PENCE** b 24 Oct 1759 Pendleton Co, m Mark **SMITH** d 24 Oct 1836 Lewis Co. Helen **LEEPER** 8782 Latto Rd. Uhrichsville, OH 44683 740 9229758 helenleeper@earthlink.net

9. Looking for parents and siblings of Mary **PYLE** b abt 1748 and parents and siblings of husband Stephen **MCPHERSON**, child James b. abt 1768 Chester Co PA. Helen **LEEPER** 8782 Latto Rd Uhrichsville, OH 44683, helenLEEPER@earthlink.net

10. Looking for wife & children of Abraham Lincoln **KEENER**, (Abe) b 17 July 1877 Nicholas Co. d 1 Dec 1967 Monongalia Co. parents John & Rebecca. Helen **LEEPER** 8782 Latto Rd Uhrichsville, OH 44683 helenLEEPER@earthlink.net

11. Looking for any info on John Erthen **KEENER** b aft 1874 & bef 1891 in Nicholas Co to Rebecca & John **KEENER**, his siblings were, Abraham, Mary, Nancy Christine and May Agnes. Helen **LEEPER** 8782 Latto Rd Uhrichsville, OH 44683 helenleeper@earthlink.net

12. Looking for parents/siblings of Mariah **WHALEN** b 1763 Ireland, d 1825 Lost Creek WV. m 1783 to Jeremiah **O'CONNELLY JR.** b 1749 Galway, Ireland, d 1824 Rice's Run Harrison Co WV. Helen **LEEPER** 8782 Latto Rd. Uhrichsville, OH 44683

13. Looking for parents/siblings of Jeremiah **O'CONNELLY SR.** b 1724 Galway Bay, Ireland, d 1791 Galway Ireland, & parents & sibling of wife, m 1748 to Bridget **COOPER** b 1726 Galway Ireland, d 1786 Ireland. Helen **LEEPER** 8782 Latto Rd. Uhrichsville, OH 44683 helenleeper@earthlink.net 740 922 9758

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